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General veto on interoperability

In section J., the document specifically protects Microsoft from having to "document, disclose or license to third parties: (a) portions of APIs or Documentation or portions or layers of Communications Protocols the disclosure of which would compromise the security of anti-piracy, anti-virus, software licensing, digital rights management, encryption or authentication systems, including without limitation, keys, authorization tokens or enforcement criteria"

So, basically, they can develop a proprietary system, closed to competitors, and not have to tell them how it works when they have it represented ubiquitously on peoples desktops.

Hello? Competition?

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